



REMARKS

All comments submitted in the prior amendment after final filed on December 18, 2003 are incorporated herein by reference. This paper is filed in response to the final office action mailed on October 28, 2003. Applicants respectfully submit that this amendment raises no new issues, places the claims in a condition for allowance and/or in a better condition for appeal and therefore is in full compliance with Rule 116. Prompt entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

All claims except 6 and 7 have been canceled.

Without raising any new issues, claim 6 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 3 as amended in the previous amendment filed on August 19, 2003. Thus, the amendment to claim 6 renders both claims 6 and 7 allowable without the introduction of any new issues.

Therefore, no new issues have been raised, no additional searching is required and this amendment has placed this application in a condition for allowance and an early action so indicating is respectfully requested. If the examiner has any further questions regarding this matter, she is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below.


The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 13-2855.

Respectfully submitted,

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